

Appendix F. Observer/Trip Identifier Instructions

Observer /Trip Identifiers are used on every log and data item associated with a trip.

Record a three character Observer Identifier combined with a four character Trip Number assigned to you for each trip. Use the same Observer/Trip Identifier on all forms for a trip.

The first three characters will always remain constant, as they are unique to the observer (i.e., A02, see below for complete example). The fourth, fifth and sixth characters will reflect how many trips the observer has been deployed on since the beginning of the calendar year (i.e., see below for complete example). The last character of the Observer/Trip Identifier indicates what kind of deployment the observer is on, with respect to fishery, sampling protocol, etc. Below are the possible endings to the Observer/Trip Identifier:

- A non-gillnet trip, (i.e., pelagic drift gillnet, longline, lobster pot, trawls, scallop dredge, etc.)
- A An aborted non-gillnet trip.
- C A complete fish sampling gillnet trip.
- D An aborted complete fish sampling gillnet trip.
- L A limited fish sampling gillnet trip.
- M An aborted limited fish sampling gillnet trip.

Examples: A02002L would indicate the second trip (002) of the calendar year for observer Green, assigned identifier A02, which happens to be a gillnet trip with limited fish sampling (L).

A07026- would indicate the twenty sixth trip (026) of the calendar year for observer White, assigned identifier A07, which happens to be a lobster pot trip (-).

E60005D would indicate the fifth trip of the calendar year for observer Brown, assigned identifier E60, which happens to be a complete fish sampling gillnet trip that was aborted (D).